

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 8/5/03)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Adoption of Ordinance approving York County's participation in a regional CRIMES group

In 1994, the cities of Hampton, Chesapeake, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach entered into a formal agreement establishing a Comprehensive Regional Information Management and Exchange System (CRIMES). This regional system enables law enforcement professionals to query multiple cross-jurisdiction data sources from both their desktops and the field, and it provides immediate access with a single query to critical information on wants and warrants, vehicles, officer notifications, and individual criminal activity records.

The current members of the CRIMES group applied for and were awarded a \$150,000 federal grant to expand the system to include the localities of Poquoson, James City County, Smithfield, Williamsburg and York County. The addition of these five localities will further enhance data sharing among the members and greatly expands the regional network.

The York County Sheriff has determined that participating in the CRIMES program will be mutually beneficial to all the participating localities. Section 15.2-1300 (B) of the Code of Virginia, stipulates that the governing body approve an ordinance whenever there is a joint exercise of powers among political jurisdictions. Proposed Ordinance No. 03-29 indicates the Board's approval for the Sheriff's office to participate in this important law enforcement regional effort, and authorizes the County Administrator to execute the CRIMES agreement.

York County's share of the local match required by the federal grant is \$4,167. The board of the CRIMES group established this amount. In addition, the formula for sharing the operating costs of the program is stated in the CRIMES Working Agreement. A copy of the agreement is attached for your reference. The amounts for the local match and the County's share of the operating costs are well beneath the threshold requiring specific Board of Supervisors approval, and are available in the Sheriff's operating budget.

I recommend approval of proposed Ordinance No. 03-29.

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Attachment: Working Agreement for the Hampton Roads Comprehensive Regional Information Management and Exchange System (CRIMES)
Proposed Ordinance No. 03-29